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My dear Mr. Justice Warren:

It has been most distressing to me, as I know it has been to others, to read of the attacks which have recently been made on Norman Redlich, one of the Counsel to your Committee, attacks which I regard as being completely irresponsible.

I have known Mr. Redlich for a number of years and if there is anything in his record which would substantiate some of the innuendoes which have been spread abroad I would be astonished. He is not only an exceptionally able person, but one who is completely dedicated to decent human causes, as I know he is to the democratic way of life. Having on several occasions disagreed with him about matters important to both of us, I am convinced that he is a man of the utmost integrity.

I hope you will not think me presumptuous in urging that your Commission should take these attacks on Mr. Redlich as an occasion for defending as strongly as possible the right of individuals to stand up for and to defend unpopular causes. I know enough about human behavior not to attempt to diagnose motivations, but the character of the attacks on Mr. Redlich give me the impression that perhaps there is a desire, conscious or unconscious, to attack the Commission itself and thereby the work you are endeavoring to do in behalf of the highest ethical values.

I have addressed myself directly to you because over the years I have regarded you as one of the outstanding protagonists of democracy.

Very sincerely yours,

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